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Winter Sets the Agenda for Rest of 2017

Hibernation? No Way! Many Plans Underway

*By Buddy Touchinsky
Borough Council President*

It's mid-winter in the Borough. And, although it may seem somewhat quiet, there's plenty of effort being put into the planning stages of items that will be executed throughout the rest of the year. Here are a few notable projects that we'll be dealing with over the next few months.

The first involves the Veterans Community Memorial Hall. There are a couple significant projects that will be executed over the course of the year. The task force is currently working on the final plans for these projects and you can read more about those plans in the task force's article in this newsletter.

In addition to these projects, the borough will explore a grant through the state that would enable us to complete most of the project. As always, I'd like



STREET AND CURB WORK ON SOUTH WARREN STREET

to recognize and give thanks to the members of the task force. They put in a lot of time, and without them this project would not be nearing completion.

Next up is our continued efforts with street maintenance and repairs. Borough staff, crews and engineers have been assessing our streets and compiling a list of all areas that need attention. We will then review and prioritize the list, allowing us to plan future projects to help repair and/or resurface the problem areas.

In 2016 we completed the South Wayne and South Warren Street project and significantly improved the drainage, travel, and aesthetics in this area of town. This was just a start and we are aware of the many areas of town that need similar attention.

Speaking of streets, we will be hiring a new police officer to help keep them safe. Due to the retirement

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2017 EVENTS

Orwigsburg Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Albright's Woods Community Park, Saturday, April 8, noon.

Children's Fishing Rodeo at Fisher's Dam, Saturday and Sunday – May dates to be announced; 9 a.m. start.

Memorial Day parade/service and Lions Club Chicken Barbecue – Monday, May 29; activities begin 8 a.m.

Square Time – 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

May 11 – Yappy Hour

June 8 – June Jamboree

July 13 – Farmers Market

August 10 – Family Fun Fest

Orwigsburg Heritage Day – Saturday, Sept. 9; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Orwigsburg Halloween Parade – Wednesday, Oct. 25; 7 p.m.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat – Tuesday, Oct. 31; 6 to 8 p.m.

Orwigsburg Holly Trail and Festival of Lights
Saturday, Dec. 2; noon and 4:30 p.m.

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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

As I started to write this issue's letter, a persistent head cold decided to ally with an engagement of this year's stomach bug. This created a winter's perfect storm of a nature which confined me to our home for several days.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

Remedies employed did little to help my symptoms, so I spent most of my time on the recliner, either watching TV or being induced to snooze by the noise of the same.

One effect of this situation was the opportunity to watch a good bit of President Trump's inauguration along with the commentary dispensed by both right- and left-leaning media outlets.

I was particularly interested in the President's inaugural address since, to paraphrase Bill Belichick, I don't do "Snapface" or any of that stuff. After listening to his speech, I came away with an opinion that apparently differed with those of many of the paid pundits. If you read the text of the address without the running "expert" analysis, I think there is a message to be understood. Perhaps, the President is not a wordsmith or gifted orator. But the truth is still the

truth, even if some think that stating it is "dark and negative."

Our community is fortunate that most of its old factory properties have been repurposed instead of becoming "tombstones," although the jobs they once provided are now long gone. We are even more fortunate to benefit from the efforts of the few establishments that have found a way to persevere.

Many negative examples can be found within a short drive from our community. While I can't claim that Orwigsburg is immune to drug issues, our active law enforcement efforts have minimized their growth and impact. Like keeping fuel away from the fire, the more effectively we keep drugs from entering the borough, the better our chances are in containing related criminal activity. Again, you don't need to travel very far from Orwigsburg to see how devastating the impact on communities can be.

I take pride in the fact that, as a borough, we want to be as honest and transparent as possible. The plain truth is that for Orwigsburg to continue as we know it, we need to recognize that great effort will be required on everyone's part. Providing for our residents, keeping our existing businesses, and remaining attractive to new incoming parties in both categories requires that we improve our streets and utilities, maintain our public properties, and ensure a safe and secure community.

The Borough of Orwigsburg is committed to providing the best of service at the least cost. That commitment is limited to what is provided for by an approved annual budget. Since no one is fond of paying taxes, we explore any prospect of other revenue sources. We have very limited control over the use of taxes collected by our country, our commonwealth, our county, or the local school district.

Virtually every cent collected by Orwigsburg is spent right here for the benefit of our community. I believe today is the best time to invest in our future. Please let me or members of council know your opinion on this issue.

— Barry J. Berger, Mayor





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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

Many thanks for a wonderful holiday

Many, many thanks to the Borough staff and work crews for making Christmas and the holidays "bright" with festive decorations and lights on Centre Square. Thanks also to the Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association, the Lions Club, the many churches, and Santa who played such an important part in Orwigsburg's Festival of Lights. Thank you to residents and business owners who took the time and expense to decorate the outside of their properties for the benefit of the entire community.



And thank you to Bud Koch for donating the community Christmas tree that adorned the downtown. The Lions Club procured the small trees that were lighted on the square islands. May all enjoy a Happy New Year.

Easter egg hunt

The Easter Bunny will make a special, early visit to Orwigsburg on Saturday, April 8 for the annual egg hunt sponsored by the Orwigsburg Lions Club. The event will be held at Albright's Woods on Grove Street just east of the Little League field and will begin at 12 noon.

All children from the Orwigsburg community through the age of 10 are invited to hunt for eggs,

all filled with yummy candy treats. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Special "prize" eggs will be part of the selection for each age group.

This is a B.Y.O.B. event ... Bring Your Own Basket! This is a free event and will be held rain or shine. Arrive early so the children can find their appropriate age group areas among five different: ages 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10.

Borough holiday schedule

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed in observance of these upcoming holidays - Good Friday, April 14; and Memorial Day, Monday, May 29.

Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry

Thank you to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving and Christmas food supply distributed to very needy persons and families in Orwigsburg and surrounding communities.

The pantry, operating from the rear of St. John's United Church of Christ, E. Market Street, will continue to serve our neighbors in need as long as this generosity continues. The pantry is usually open the third Saturday of every month. All volunteers and pantry families must observe parking regulations in the area; and to not park on neighbors' lawns or in front of garages.



Donations of non-perishable food items - including cereals, canned fruits/meats/soups/vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, etc. - are always needed. Items can be dropped off at St. John's UCC office or call 570-366-2255 ext. 3 for times and days when someone will be in the pantry.

Winter driving reminder

While winter scenes are appealing, winter storms present dangers that cannot be ignored, especially on our roads. For safety's sake:

- If you must drive in bad weather, allow extra time to reach your destination.

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- If behind a snowplow, do not pass it unless a passing lane is available.
- If a snowplow is coming toward you, provide as much room as possible for it to get by. If able, dim your lights so the operator can see the street in front of the plow.
- Remember, if driving conditions are dangerous for your vehicle, they are also dangerous for the snowplow. Be patient and allow plow operators to complete their work.



Declared "Snow Emergency"

The Borough has reduced the number of designated "Snow Emergency" streets through Orwigsburg in order for the snow plow crews to efficiently stay ahead of a major snowfall this winter. Fewer snow emergency streets will mean less stress for many residents by not having to move their vehicles off the street right away ... and, if they are required, will now have convenient streets allowing parking.

Beginning with the 2016-2017 wintry weather, the designated "Snow Emergency" routes are: all of East and West Market streets, including both sides of Centre Square; South Liberty Street, and North Washington Street. Proper signage will be found on these streets and the signage removed from previous

streets that are no longer so designated.

During a snow and/or ice event, the Mayor of Orwigsburg may declare an official "Snow Emergency." Residents will be made aware of the emergency by notice posted to the borough website and Facebook page, through announcements on radio stations WPPA-AM and WAVT-FM, and by notice in the Republican Herald newspaper.

Households registered with the Borough's direct notification system - Swiftreach 911 - will receive a phone call with a pre-recorded message from the Borough, an email, or text message depending on which method was requested. If you have not already done so, add your contact information via the Swiftreach link on the home page of the borough website: www.orwigsburg.net.

All vehicles parked on the designated "Snow Emergency" streets must be removed for a period of 24 hours once the emergency is declared or for a longer period as instructed.

Vehicles not removed in violation of the emergency procedure will be ticketed and will be towed. The vehicle owner is responsible for all towing costs. Ignorance of the declared emergency is not an excuse. It's your responsibility to find out.



Fishing Rodeo

The 27th annual Orwigsburg Children's Fishing Rodeo will be held on Saturday and Sunday one weekend in May (yet to be announced) for children 15 and under.

Fisher's Dam will be stocked with over 500 fish and there will be prizes for tagged fish. Each child participating will receive a hot dog and drink. The existence of this rodeo relies on donations from community members and local businesses.



Our Town - What Do You Think?

A community without a vision for the future and without a plan to get there will languish in day-to-day reaction to problems and opportunities with no long-range goals in mind.

That is why the state Planning Code authorizes municipalities to prepare and adopt comprehensive plans to help guide future development. Orwigsburg Borough did just that in 1971, updated it in 1991, and rewrote it in 2007.

Some residents will recall completing a Community Survey in 2004 that became a basis for much of the current Comprehensive Plan of the Borough of Orwigsburg. This plan is available for public inspection at Borough Hall.

The Plan is meant to be a living document. Recommended that it be reviewed and updated, if necessary, every 10 years, the Borough's Planning & Zoning Commission has started that process. Gauging current public opinion is an important initial step.

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The “Great Orwigsburg Town Survey” is targeted for release to all households in the Fall of 2017. Public response is critical. Many of the questions will be the same as in the 2004 survey, allowing for direct comparison and to spotlight changing trends.



But new questions on the survey may also be vital to “take the pulse” of residents, business owners, and organizations.

What is important for Orwigsburg in the next five years, 10 years, and longer?

Interactive idea and data sharing meetings are planned this spring and summer with community organizations, such as Boy and Girl Scouts, Senior Citizen groups, church members, business groups, Lions, Masons, and others. All interested persons are encouraged to be part of this important process and are welcome at any meeting.

Much more information on these preliminary meetings and on the Survey will be forthcoming. What you think is so important to the process and the future of Orwigsburg. Be part of shaping Our Town!

Team Orwigsburg

Team Orwigsburg is a local faith-based mission

group formed 11 years ago to help “heal hearts and homes” after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast.



The team performs Schuylkill County volunteer work and also travels one time each year to an out-of-state location.

The team’s annual turkey dinner will be held Saturday, Feb. 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the St. John’s United Church of Christ Fellowship Center on East Market St. adjacent to the church building. Free-will offerings will be accepted

and greatly appreciated to help fund its mission.

Team Orwigsburg will travel to West Virginia in April this year to help construct bridges to replace those washed out by severe flooding last June. Many residents are still unable to return to their homes safely and some have had to relocate completely as the bridges leading to their properties are gone. The team plans to construct the bridges here in Orwigsburg and then transport them to the assigned areas. Two “pre-trips” have been made by team members to view and measure the sites which will be assigned to the team. Homes will also be worked on in the areas of assignment.

Donations are always appreciated and new faces are always welcome to attend the meetings held the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church on S. Liberty St. Phone Susan McCartney at 570-943-2103 with any questions regarding Team Orwigsburg.

State Rep. Knowles serves 5th term

State Rep. Jerry Knowles was sworn into office January 3 for the 2017-18 Pennsylvania Legislature, his 5th term representing the 124th District spanning portions of Berks, Carbon, and Schuylkill counties. At the ceremony in the House chamber, Knowles’ grandson, Patrick, held the Bible for the oath of office.





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Albright's Woods

Now is the time to plan that 2017 outdoor event. The pavilion at Albright's Woods is available for rent for your graduation party, family reunion or other event. Albright's Woods is located on Grove Street in Orwigsburg. The park has a pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. For further details or to make a reservation to reserve the park facilities, call the borough office at 570-366-3103.



In need of health aids?

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in recovery from illness or surgery?

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The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Walt Schimpf at 570-366-0784 or call 570-449-0659 and leave a message.

Large item disposal

One large item may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month.

Regular trash consists of up to six bags of garbage and up to ten bags of leaves. Residents should place trash at the curb any time after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster

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March	14	17
April	11	14
May.	9	12

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Dumpster? You need a permit

Any resident who rents a dumpster and places it on the street is required to fill out a dumpster permit prior to dumpster delivery. Permits are available at the borough office at a cost of \$5. The permit is good for three weeks; another permit is required for additional time. Four (4) reflectors are required on each side of the dumpster, and dumpster wheels must be placed on 3/4" thick pieces of wood so as not to damage the road surface.



Request for cones

Cones are available for use from the Borough. A cone request form must be filled out and is available from the borough office. Forty-eight hours notice must be given to allow time to get the cones delivered to their location and signs made and placed on the cones.

Take care of your property

Property owners must keep all premises and exterior property free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited.

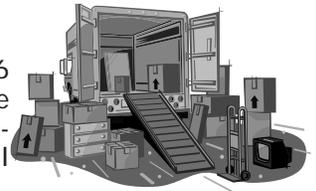
Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants

and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs, however this term does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

The property owner must also maintain weeds appearing between sidewalk blocks and between the curb and the street.

Rental properties

Orwigsburg Ordinance #396 and newly enacted Ordinance #424 establishes certain responsibilities for owners of rental properties in the Borough.



Every owner/lessor of any rental property, including but not limited to dwelling, dwelling units, rooming houses, rooming units, or dormitory rooms must register with the Borough each year between January 1 and February 28. If any tenant moves from the dwelling during the year, the owner shall notify the Borough within thirty (30) days of said changes. Forms are available at the Borough Office or can be printed from the borough website.

As part of the annual registration, a basic triennial (once every three years) inspection fee shall be paid for each and any dwelling unit ... \$110 for the first unit, \$45 for the second, and \$25 for each additional unit per address.

Owners/Landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property. This individual must live within 10 miles of the Borough.

Trash and recycling containers for rental properties are to be located in an area other than the front of the property. If necessary, the building code inspector shall identify such location.

Proper disposal of Old Glory

Used flags may be brought to the borough office for proper disposal. Place flags inside the designated mailbox-like container in front of the borough building.



Help us help you

It shall be the responsibility of property owners in the Orwigsburg Borough to number their buildings. The number needs to be placed over/under each front door, or front transom bar or glass or front show window, over or on either side of the entrance or upon a permanent standard, base or support between building and street. The number is to be of paint, metal, enamel, plastic, or other weather resistant material and at least three inches in height, the color of the numbers to be in contrast to the immediate background, and shall be so placed as to be in full view and legible from the street. No numbers shall be covered with any sign, drapery, or other obstruction and all old numbers shall be removed when a new number is assigned.

Meter reading

Many water meters are read from a remote reading register attached to the building and connected to the

R&J TOURS – 2017 HAPPENINGS

Mar 11 – Oak Ridge Boys @ American Music Theatre	\$ 69
Mar 14 – Philadelphia Flower Show w/ lunch @ Moshulu (departs 9:15 am)	\$113
Mar 16 – Philadelphia Flower Show North (departs 7:00am)	**\$ 63
Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day Parade or New York City Free Day	\$ 40
Mar 18 – New York City Free Day	\$ 40
Mar 18 – Washington DC Free Day	\$ 44
Mar 18 – Philadelphia Flower Show (departs 6:30 am)	**\$60
Mar 22 – Sands Casino \$40 FSP..... (Pine Grove Pickup).....	\$ 25
Mar 25 – Gourmet Food Shopping	\$ 41
Mar 25 – Robot Revolution at the Franklin Institute	**\$ 55
Mar 30 – "Mama Won't Fly" @ Rainbow Dinner Theatre	\$ 74
Apr 1 – "Born Yesterday" @ Hunterdon Hills Playhouse	\$ 82
Apr 1 – Udvar-Hazy Center, National Air and Space Museum	**\$ 67
Apr 5 – Menopause the Musical @ Caesars Atlantic City	\$ 76
Apr 6 – Cherry Blossom Cruise & Memorials	**\$119
Apr 8 – Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island & 9-11 Museum.....	**\$ 84
Apr 8 – Longwood Gardens in Spring	**\$ 48
Apr 8 – Philadelphia 76ers vs Milwaukee Bucks.....	\$ 89
Apr 19 – Running Mate @ Rainbow Dinner Theatre	\$ 74
Apr 19 – Mohegan Sun @ Pocono Downs	\$ 26
Apr 22 – New York International Auto Show	\$ 52
Apr 22 – American Girl Place.....	\$ 76
Apr 22 – Jurassic World the Exhibition	**\$ 55
Apr 22 – Jimmy Fortune of the Statler Bros	\$ 57

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meter. Borough Ordinance 310 requires these units be accessible to the Borough. Landscaping around your remote reading register needs to be maintained so as to not restrict free access.

Call before you dig!

Contractors, service companies, or do-it-yourself property owners must call 8-1-1 before disturbing the ground in and around their property. Planting a tree? Building a deck? Installing a fence or even as simple as a mailbox, plan your project in advance and call the alert number several days before starting any digging project.



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Curb your animal

Borough Ordinance 299 prohibits pet owners from allowing their pets to defecate on another property without removing the feces from that property. Those violating this ordinance can be fined up to \$600.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners.

Getting the word out

We use the Borough website www.orwigsburg.net as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings in the Borough. Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events in the Borough.

The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body. The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms can be accessed, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted. Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.



The website also includes a link allowing residents to enter their contact information into the borough's Swiftreach 911 emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via telephone, text message and email of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner.



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Single-Stream Recycling & Trash Collection

○ *Circled days indicate biweekly curbside recycling*

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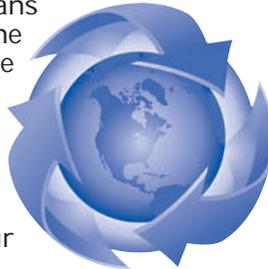
Tuesdays – Market Street and north; Fridays – south of Market Street

Large item collection, once per month

Convenient, single-stream curbside recycling is available to residents every two weeks on the designated trash pickup day. Recyclables should be separated from other household trash and placed in the container provided by the Borough and County Waste, or in a container of the property owner's choice clearly designated for recycling.

Single-stream recycling means items can be co-mingled in one container/recycle bin without the need for separation.

Materials for recycling are collected curbside every two weeks on your designated trash pickup day (see calendar schedule above). Simply place your



recycling bin beside your other trash containers and yard waste.

Use the following guidelines to prepare recyclables for pickup:

- Newspapers and mixed paper should be bundled or placed in a paper or clear plastic bag in order to keep them secure.
- Cardboard should be flattened and bundled.
- Take steps to ensure paper, cardboard and plastic, etc. do not blow around to neighboring properties or streets.
- Glass food and beverage containers are recyclable and include items such as glass soda, beer, wine, liquor, ketchup or juice bottles, and glass food containers. Metal caps and lids should be removed, but labels can remain.

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- Glass items such as mirrors, ceramic cups and plates, crystal, clay flower pots, light bulbs, window glass, drinking glass and heat-resistant ovenware are NOT recycled by glass container plants and should not be mixed in with container glass.
- Aluminum beverage cans should be rinsed and crushed. Steel cans need only be rinsed. Leave labels in place.
- Plastic soda bottles and milk jugs should also be rinsed and crushed.
- Be considerate of the streetscape view in your neighborhood; store your recycling container to the side or back of your property or residence.

After following these instructions, combine all materials in one recycling container and place curbside after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup. Recyclables must be in their special container separate from household trash because a separate collection is made.

Given the convenience of single-stream recycling, the number of occupants in your household, and the volume collected for recycling, residents may find the need for a smaller or larger container. The borough has two sizes available.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-366-3103 during phone office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to arrange for a different recycling container or for additional information.

Single-Stream Recycling



Yes

 Plastic Containers #1 through #7 (No Styrofoam)	 Aluminum, Steel & Tin Containers	 Glass Bottles & Containers
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No

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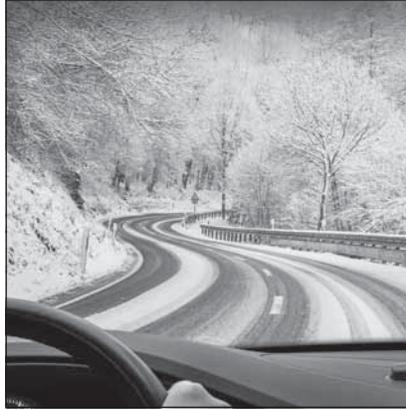
From the Desk of the Fire Chief

Winter's Wrath Will Surely Be Upon Us – Be Safe!

The Department of Transportation reports, on average, more than 6,000 people are killed and more than 480,000 injured annually in weather-related accidents. Most of these accidents occur as a result of wet, snowy or icy roadways. Despite mostly mild temperatures with scant snowfall to date, winter is officially underway. Sooner or later the odds are likely to catch up with us and we'll find ourselves on the receiving end of winter's wrath.

During a snow emergency, avoid travelling if at all possible. Less traffic makes the job easier for the emergency crews that have to plow and treat the roads. Wait for both the weather and road conditions to improve before venturing out. Drive only if absolutely necessary. If you must travel, allow extra time to reach your destination safely.

Check weather and road conditions on your route. In addition to local television and radio stations, there are numerous websites that can be customized to provide local weather conditions (such as weather.gov or mobile.weather.gov). Keep your gas tank close to full, especially on a long trip. Make sure your windshield washer and other fluids are full. Keep a snow



shovel, ice scraper, traction material – such as sand or kitty litter – and warning devices – such as flares and reflectors – in your car.

Your car emergency kit should include jumper cables, blankets or a sleeping bag, a flashlight, your cell-phone and charger. If you are making a long trip in bad weather, you should also pack bottled water, food, extra warm clothing and any medications that you are required to take regularly. Keep others informed of your planned route of travel and expected arrival time. Stick to the main roads and avoid the backroad shortcuts.

If you become stranded in a winter storm, stay with your vehicle. Rescuers are more likely to locate you there, since they will be searching roadways for trapped motorists. Check the exhaust pipe and keep it clear of snow to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes each hour. Charge your phone during the times when you are running the engine. If you have cellphone service and are stranded, call 9-1-1 even if you do not know your exact location. Many 9-1-1 centers have the ability to locate you by triangulating your cellphone signal off several cell towers.

As always, wear your seat belt and make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly buckled up as well. Avoid activities such as texting or talking on your phone, as they distract your attention from driving. If you must make a call or check weather conditions on your phone, pull over at a safe location.

Winter storms rarely arrive without any warning. Usually the U.S. Weather Service gives us a heads up at least a day ahead of time. If you can, stay home. If you must travel, a little preparation should help to ensure you reach your destination safely.

p.s. If a winter storm does hit our area this winter, take a few minutes to dig out your neighborhood fire hydrant. The few minutes you spend clearing the hydrant may save a life in an emergency.

– Dave Hardinger, Fire Chief

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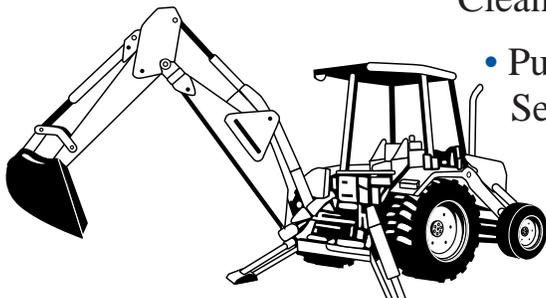
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Making Orwigsburg a Destination for Residents and Visitors

“A Livable Community is one where you can take kids to school, go to work, see a doctor, go to the grocery store, have dinner and a movie, and play with your kids in a park, all without having to get into a car.” – Ray LaHood, former U.S. Transportation Secretary

He very well could have been describing Orwigsburg ... well, minus the movie theater. Livable – also referred to as “walkable” – communities are now the hottest destination spots for Millennials and Gen-Xers to live, work, play and raise a family. To be honest, these communities offer all the amenities and have a great attraction for aging Boomers, as well, and everyone who falls in between.

To be a successful destination, communities must exude an identity and image that help attract visitors, new residents, businesses, and investment. In short, strong destinations attract people.

Planners point to the Livable/Walkable community. To become a “Destination” where people want to be, a community should have at least 10 “Places” to go with each of these having at least 10 “Things” to



do while there. This is the Power of 10+!

The “Places” are typically public spaces that attract many different people of all ages, for many different purposes, and at many different times of the day and year.

If you give it some thought, it’s easy to come up with 10+ Places in Orwigsburg that achieve this. Can you also name 10+ Things to do at each Place?

Here’s an example. Centre Square is certainly a Place that attracts people. While there you can get a bite to eat or enjoy a coffee; do your banking or get your hair styled; learn of the town’s history and the veterans who served their country; relax on a park bench; meet friends and neighbors; read a book; enjoy the building architecture; observe people and nature . . . you get the idea.

What makes a great Place? It is accessible and well-connected to other Places. It is comfortable and projects a good image. It attracts people to participate in activities there. It is a social environment people go to again and again.

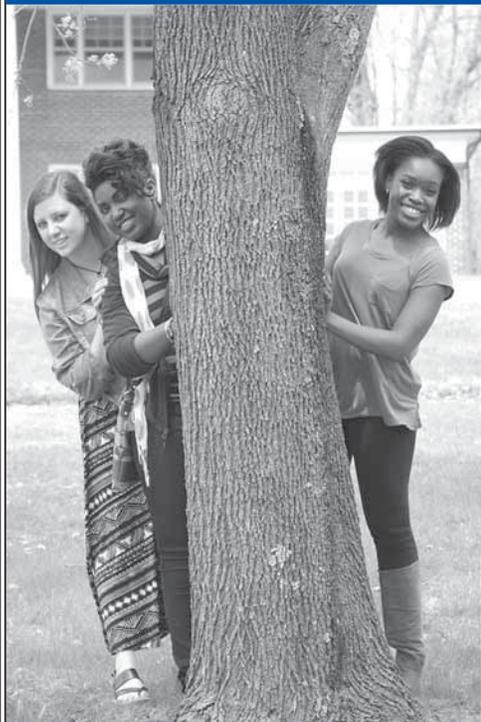
Placemaking is both a process and a philosophy. It evolves over time and relies on community input. It doesn’t have to be costly.

Think about it. Let’s all contribute to making Orwigsburg a great Destination with lots of Places and lots of Things to do.



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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

Trivia Night fundraiser promises fun

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend at the 3rd annual Trivia Night on Saturday, March 18 in-and-benefiting Veterans Community Memorial Hall, 300 Grove Street. The fun starts at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:15 p.m. Get your family, friends, and trivia buff ringers together ... reserve your table ... and compete for bragging rights while enjoying an evening of fun and food.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes draft beer, soda, bottled water and snacks at this 21 years-of-age-and-older and BYOB event. Additional food selections and 50-50 raffle will be available for purchase. Various categories of useless trivia will be used. May the best team win!

Reserve team (maximum 8 persons) tables in advance by the deadline of March 6 by contacting Kathy Wolfe at 570-943-2672 or by email kathyswolfe@verizon.net or memorial@orwigsburg.net. Individuals and smaller groups will be paired with others to form a competing team.

Additional information is available on the website:
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VETERANS COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HALL

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ity surrounding the Veterans Community Memorial Hall. The facilities are buzzing with use as basketball is in full swing and baseball and softball groups try to beat the cold weather and begin practice indoors. The Lions Club continues its winter month meetings at the facility. Birthday parties and other private gatherings have been scheduled throughout the coming months. If you have an interest or need to use the facility, contact Borough Hall at 570-366-3103.

The building's development task force will be reviewing bids for exterior work slated to take place this spring. Entryway improvements and the start of parking lot upgrades are planned, thanks to community donations and a grant received from the Keystone Communities Program. Improvements to the exterior recreation area, utilizing the recently received DCNR grant funds, are in the planning stage.

Plans are well underway to complete the new front entrance addition to the building as a multi-purpose space and salute to the building's namesake – our veterans. The borough is continuing to collect information for the Veterans Honor Roll to be proudly displayed in this area. If you or your family has information not already on the current list, please submit a completed form to Borough Manager Bob Williams at Borough Hall. The form can be downloaded from the Task Force website:

www.orwigsburgmemorial.com

Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association

A Full Calendar of Community Events Planned in 2017

The Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA) eagerly announces its Calendar of 2017 Happenings. These communal opportunities are planned and programmed to provide exciting, entertaining and affordable activities and events for citizens of all ages, lifestyles and tastes.

We kickoff the year's events with the annual Meet & Greet Mixer on Thursday, April 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a soon to be determined location. The evening presents the opportunity for members, old and new, to network with each other and interact on a more casual level with leaders from Schuylkill County and Orwigsburg Borough.

Spring also marks the return of Nashville recording artist Chad Reinert. The Auburn native and top ten country artist will perform at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall on April 22. New this year, the event will be a dinner and show! Buy your tickets early; bring your friends; enjoy great music, dancing, homemade food and ice-cold beer and beverages.

OBPA kicks off its 6th annual Square Time events program. All celebrations are held the second Thursday of the month, May thru August, and begin at 5:30 p.m. Set on our beautiful town square, they showcase local businesses, area performers and unique personalities.

These nights on the town offer the perfect chance to get out and participate in furthering our sense of community while having some fun with friends and neighbors. Events currently scheduled are the return of Yappy Hour on May 11, June Jamboree on June 8, the new Farmers Market on July 13, and Family Fun Fest

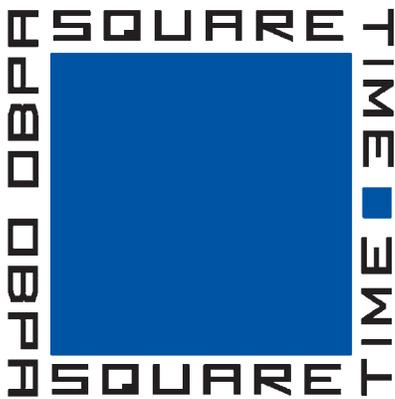
on August 10. Mark your calendars for these family-friendly events.

OBPA has started planning for the 26th annual Heritage Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 9, a Night of Chili and Chills on October 28, Small Business Saturday on November 25, and Festival of Lights on December 2. These events benefit both community and our local businesses.

OBPA also supports young aspiring business professionals. In the past year we've sponsored a scholarship for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA), an after-school program for students, grades six thru 12, to learn the foundations of business by interacting with area businesses. The YEA is facilitated by the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce and classes are held at a local college. OBPA also sponsors an annual Blue Mountain High School graduation award and supports many area non-profits.

Finally, and to answer an oft-asked question, "No, you do not have to own a business to join our organization." While our membership primarily consists of business proprietors, we gladly welcome individual members. OBPA wouldn't want anyone to miss out on the fun and great feeling of accomplishment when you work to better your community.

OBPA's meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. For more information on any of our activities or how to become a member, visit our webpage: orwigsburgbusiness.org or join us on Facebook.



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Saturday Storytime is new! Plan to bring your pre-schooler to this event on the second Saturday of each month – Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, and May 13 – beginning at 9:30 a.m.

How about a Block Party? No, not the one you go to out on the street. The Orwigsburg Library is hosting a Building Block Party on the fourth Saturday of each month. Come build with us from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 25, March 25, April 22, and May 27.

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- Clubs that meet weekly and monthly. The Orwigsburg Book Club meets the last Monday each month at 6 p.m. discussing new authors, new genres, and new experiences. Knitters, crochet and needlework enthusiasts welcome all skill levels to their weekly group meeting Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Lego builders of all ages gather the second Wednesday each month at 5:30 p.m. to share their creations.

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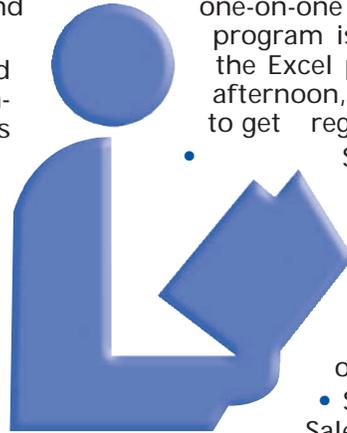
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- Tuesday morning Preschool Story Hour begins at 10:30 a.m. Get those little ones out to socialize through stories, singing, movement, and crafts.
- Play K program – This program is designed specifically for 3-5 year olds to model kindergarten concepts and behaviors. Materials are provided and funded through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public Libraries.
Each month's program topic is offered on the fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. and again on Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Upcoming themes are: February – A Home for Me and a Home for You; March – All Around Town; April – My Colorful World; May – Amazing Animals and Pets.
- Early literacy program – Register your pre-kindergarten youngster and get started on the goal of 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.
- Art classes for young (16+) and older adults – Sign up in advance because seating is limited. Drawing classes are offered on Saturdays, March 11 (graphite); April 8 (colored pencil); and May 13 (charcoal).



play Bingo and win books.

- Tuesdays in February – Offered at 2 p.m., get one-on-one help learning about computers. This program is for adults. A class specifically on the Excel program will be offered Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. Contact the library to get registered in advance for these classes.
- Saturday, March 11 – “Bring Your Family Back to the Table” at the Schuylkill Country Club.
 - Sunday, March 26 – A Stephanie Plum Party will be held at the library from 1 to 3 p.m. Limited seating will be available at a cost of \$10.
- Saturday, April 29 – Blow-Out Book Sale - \$5 a bag.
- Friday, May 5 – Cinco de Mayo fiesta at the Deer Lake Pub from 5 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, May 6 – Free Comic Book Day.
- Help the library as you shop ... designate the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library when shopping at Amazon.smile.com ... get your Boyer's Food Market keytag at the library circulation desk and scan it every time you shop at Boyer's ... or save your register tape when shopping at Redner's food stores.

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SENATOR
DAVID ARGALL

Over the last few years, I've heard many of your frustrations regarding welfare fraud occurring at the grocery store, at the pharmacy, or at work. The state has become more aggressive in its efforts to deter waste, fraud and abuse. Its Department of Health Services toll-free hotline (1-844-DHS-TIPS) has led to the investigation of hundreds of suspected cases of welfare fraud across the state.

Earlier this year, the state Office of Inspector General reported that over a two-month period in 2016, they successfully prosecuted 60 welfare fraud cases providing the state over \$300,000 in restitution as well as suspending public assistance for those found guilty. The cases involved individuals fraudulently obtaining SNAP benefits, or food stamps, as well as daycare benefits.

Based on emails and calls I've received from many



local residents, I believe this is the tip of the iceberg, but we simply don't have the staff required to pursue additional savings by rooting out the waste, fraud and abuse.

This is why I've introduced legislation last year and again this year requiring the Office of Inspector General to hire 50 percent more staff with a simple goal – find the welfare fraud. Reports estimate that each welfare fraud investigator saves taxpayers over \$1.2 million. This program would more than pay for itself. According to the Inspector General's office, each dollar spent on investigative and collection activities results in a cost-benefit of \$13.

Harsher penalties needed

I'm also working with another senator on a proposal to place harsher penalties on those who want to defraud taxpayers through our welfare programs. The proposal would also count Lottery winnings over \$600 as available income when applying for public assistance. The proposal also includes a provision to count the primary vehicle of the applicant as an available resource. The current law exempts an applicant's first vehicle.

I agree with many of you ... these common-sense reforms will better protect taxpayers from abuse of their hard earned money, ensure the programs can continue to assist those who genuinely need it, and that those who abuse the system will be caught and rightfully punished to the fullest extent of the law.

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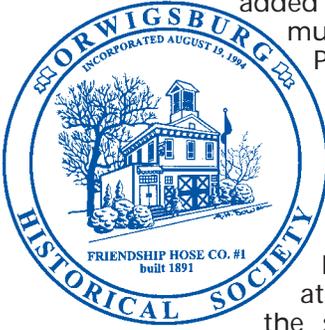


Orwigsburg Historical Society

Celebrate Spring with Fun and Fashion

Winter is upon us. A number of activities are perfectly suited to colder weather, such as visiting your local society and museum. Venture out from your hibernation.

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) has added many new artifacts to the museum's growing collection. Plan a visit. We're now open on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon to 4 p.m. and can be made available at other times by appointment. We're located in the original 1891 Friendship Hose Co. building at 109 East Mifflin St. Contact the society by calling 570-617-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or any services.



Spring fashion show planned

But spring is just around the corner. It's time to think about flowers, warmer weather, and spring fashions!

Join the Orwigsburg Historical Society on Sunday, May 21 from 1 to 6 p.m. for its first-ever "Spring Fashion Show" hosted by the Oak Hill Inn restaurant,

featuring the fashions of LuLaRoe by Sheila Anne and The Lark of Orwigsburg. Ticket prices are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door.

The price includes refreshments, unique displays, lots of "hard-to-find" LuLaRoe designs and a myriad of ways to wear all of them. The Lark of Orwigsburg will be featuring its "spring line" with many accessories.

Discounts on featured fashions, door prizes, giveaways, and lots of springtime fun will highlight this special day! Call for tickets or stop in at the OHS to purchase your tickets. Society members get a special ticket price of \$14! Models of all sizes are invited to participate!



Tours and community room available

Individuals or groups are invited to schedule a visit or rent the museum for private parties, class reunions, etc. The large community room is also available for family reunions or other social or business gathering.

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Genealogy queries welcome

If you are searching for information, photos, or a particular family name, the OHS may be able to help. Submit your request to the society via email (peanut1212@comcast.net) or by stopping at the society and completing a request form.

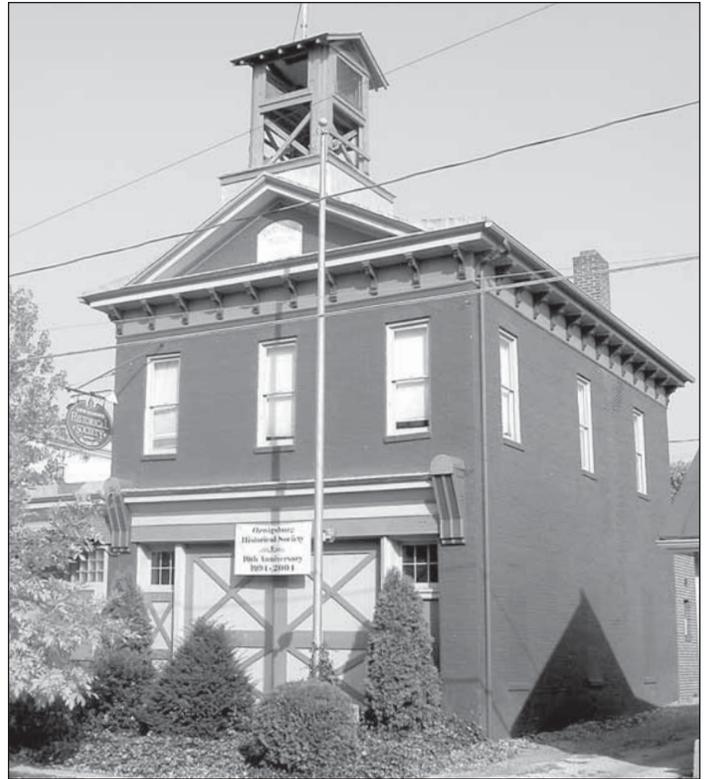
The society is in the process of cataloging and organizing a number of valuable publications for visitors to utilize. Topics include local history, archaeology, architecture, American antiques, and historical fashions and accessories. Member Kathy Augustine-Pomian is assisting with this endeavor.

Capital Campaign continues

If you haven't already done so, you can help sustain Orwigsburg's history by donating to the 2017 Capital Campaign. In addition to brick repointing, exterior painting, and interior wall repainting, the society is faced with two major projects ... furnace and roof repairs.

If you can offer any assistance, no donation is too small or insignificant and will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be designated "in honor of" or "in memory of" and can be the perfect gift for that person who has everything.

For your convenience please use the form on page 25.



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Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathi Mengle in the borough offices, kathi@orwigsburg.net or call 570-366-3103 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

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St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., is pleased to welcome a new spiritual leader. Pastor Jan Remer-Osborn and husband, David, arrived from the Chicago area in late January to begin life in Orwigsburg. The congregation looks forward to new beginnings and welcomes everyone to join us in worship every Sunday at 10 a.m. Communion is served the first Sunday of every month.



The Lenten season will begin with a traditional Ash Wednesday soup and sandwich meal, served at 6 p.m. on Wed., March 1 in the Fellowship Center adjacent to the church. All are welcome to enjoy this meal, followed

by worship at 7 p.m. in the church. Maundy Thursday is a traditional meal and service of Tenebrae, which are both held in the church building.

Many activities are held throughout the year at St.

John's, benefiting the community. Team Orwigsburg will sponsor a turkey dinner on Sat., February 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. with a free-will offering gladly accepted. The Team continues to do local mission work and this year the travel team will build bridges, washed out in flooding last June, in West Virginia. The next Miller-Keystone blood drive will be Thurs., March 30 from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Center.

St. John's proudly sponsors and hosts many area groups and activities, including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, senior citizens, yoga classes, self-defense classes, senior exercise program, area quilters, and the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry. Further information can be obtained by calling the church office at 570-366-2255.

Zions Red Church

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Zion's Red Church.

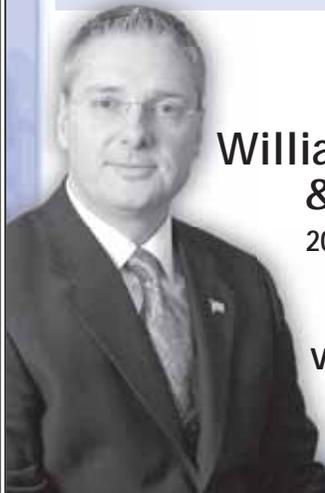
Located at 1287 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61 at Brick Hill Road), Zion's is a union congregation of Evangelical Lutheran and United Church of Christ denominations whose members "welcome, strengthen, and bless" all who enter. Visit the updated church website at www.zionsredchurch.org to learn more or call the church office at 570-366-1178.

The church mission is to Welcome all with God's love ... Strengthen individuals for life's journey ... and Bless our wider community. Adult Bible study at 9:15

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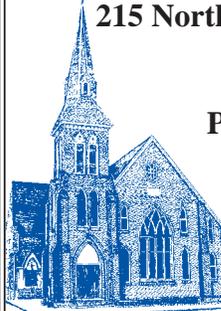
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HOLY WEEK – APRIL 9 TO APRIL 16

Palm Sunday – Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Monday – 7 p.m. Prayer Service

Holy Tuesday – 7 p.m. Prayer Service

Holy Wednesday – 7 p.m. Prayer Service

Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m. Prayer Service

Good Friday – 7 p.m. Tenebrae

Holy Saturday – 5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter – 8 and 10:30 a.m., Festival
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a.m. followed by worship at 10:30 is offered every Sunday. Creative, interactive elements are a part of all worship services, helping to focus on the weekly scripture readings. Individuals sometimes share "God sightings" as a way to share their faith and how God is working in their lives.

An Ash Wednesday service will be held March 1 beginning at 7:30 p.m. This service, held on the church's middle floor, includes casual communion, healing prayer, and the imposition of ashes.

Service Project Sunday is March 12 at 9:15 a.m. All who attend will assemble hygiene kits in gallon zip bags to benefit the Servants to All Homeless Shelter



guests. Donations of food items – such as breakfast/protein bars, soups, pop-up cans of meat or tuna, canned fruit, or vegetables – will be collected and distributed. Gently used jeans/sweatpants, sleeping bags/backpacks, and boots/sneakers are greatly needed, as well. All who are able to donate are asked to contact the church office to make arrangements.

Palm Sunday will be celebrated on April 9 with worship at 10:15 a.m. A Silent Auction will be held prior to the service beginning at 9:15 a.m. Here's how it works:

Participants are asked to bring an item(s) wrapped or bagged so the object remains hidden inside. These can be anything – funny, homemade, edible, gag gift, gently used, festive, etc. Each item will be numbered and have a paper placed in front of it. While refreshments and fellowship are enjoyed, walk around the gift table and write down a bid for any package that takes your fancy. You can bid as many times as you would like because another person might come along and outbid you. While playing an Easter guessing game, bids keep going until each package has at least one bid and the allotted time comes to a close. Each item is then given to its highest bidder, who pays the "treasurer" and opens the package for all to see. This can result in some very funny purchases! Proceeds from the auction will be donated to a local charity (yet to be determined). All are welcome.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 9 - 3:00 pm

Good Friday Service

April 14 - 6:30 pm

Easter Worship Services - April 16

Sunrise Service - 6:15 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:00 am

Join us on Sunday mornings for our worship service at 10 am
Sunday School Classes for all ages begin at 9 am

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The Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion will be held April 13 at 7:30 p.m. On this night Zion's Church commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples by gathering around a common table and passing the bread and wine to each other. An opportunity for healing prayer, anointing, and blessing will be available. The second half of worship will continue upstairs to strip the sanctuary altar of its finery in solemn silence signifying the events of Good Friday. This moving evening is casual.

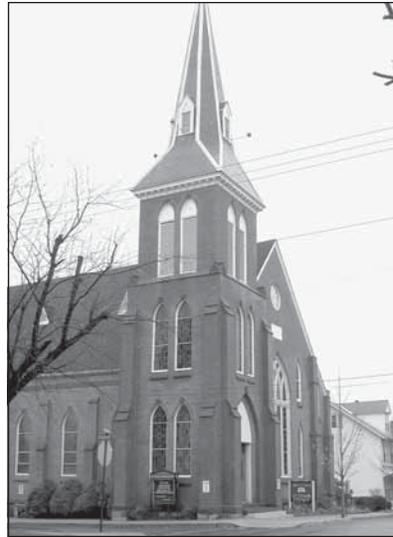
Easter Sunday will be observed April 16 at 10:30 a.m. and will include Holy Communion. Celebrate Resurrection Sunday at Zion's, sharing the joy of Christ's resurrection – from death to new life! It is a day of spiritual renewal, warmth and beauty.

A new driveway entrance to the rear of Zion's Red Church offers a safer way to access the church than directly from Rt. 61. After navigating through the jug-handle just above the church, turn toward Schaeffer's Harley Davidson, bear right and follow the stone drive around the back of the church and into the parking lot.

Changes in service schedules due to inclement weather will be noted on the church office phone answering system and on the church Facebook page.

St. Paul's Lutheran

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 215 North Warren St.,



offers eight days of Holy Week services beginning Sat., April 8 in preparation for Palm Sunday and continuing with services and prayer each day through Easter Sunday, April 16. In addition, Lenten midweek services each Wednesday, beginning March 1, will offer a noon prayer service as well as a Holden evening prayer beginning at 7 p.m.

Regular services at St. Paul's include Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday services at both 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages is held at 9:15 a.m.

During Holy Week, a prayer service will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10-12, at 7 p.m. The Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. includes foot washing, laying of hands, Holy Communion, and the stripping of the altar. The Good Friday 7 p.m. Tenebrae service on April 14 will feature the seven last words of Christ.



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April 13 – Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

April 16 – Easter Sunday Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

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See our article for more details!

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An Easter vigil service will be held Holy Saturday at the usual time, 5:30 p.m. Easter will be celebrated April 16 with a Festival of the Resurrection at both 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Mark your calendar and make plans for youngsters (grades kindergarten through 6th grade) to attend St. Paul's Bear Creek Day Camp during the week of June 19, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be a part of the church family. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and can be reached at 570-366-2316. Additional information can be obtained at

www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org

Salem UMC

Salem United Methodist Church, where Liberty and Independence meet, offers three unique worship services each Sunday – a traditional worship at 8:45 a.m., a contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m., and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. Sunday school for all ages is held at 10 a.m. with Children's Choir and Children's Church held during the 10:45 worship for grades one through five. A paid nursery attendant is on staff from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SNL is Salem's open door, coffeehouse-style worship experience, held Sunday evenings in Sandherr Hall. In a small group setting, the good news of Christ is shared through messages, discussions and



Christian films. This time of worship and outreach is under the leadership of Salem's lay speakers, with guest appearances by Pastor Stew Warner. Special "meal and movie" nights, held the second Sunday of each month – Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, and May 14 – begin at 6 p.m.

The annual Soup/Bake Sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon. Come early to assure a full selection. All proceeds help fund the free Community Block Party held at the end of the summer.

Salem's hand bell choir, The God Squad, will have
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April 16 – 7 a.m.

Easter Service
April 16 – 9 a.m.



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two spring performances – March 19 and May 14 – during both Sunday worship times at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Refer to the church website www.SalemUM.com for the upcoming Lenten schedule as Salem partners with other United Methodist churches at this time for worship and supper.

Salem Church will host a free community Easter egg hunt – with live bunnies – for all community children up to age 10 on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 1 p.m.

Easter Day, April 16, begins with a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., followed by a delicious breakfast in Sandherr Hall at 7:15. Make your first stop the cross outside the church where flowers will be available for all to place on the cross. An Easter tradition for years, we remember that He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Regular worship times will also be observed. SNL will not be held Easter Sunday.

Numerous small group meetings and activities are offered weekly or monthly, including Youth Group, small group Bible studies, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, and the Team Orwigsburg mission group. Music ministry opportunities include senior choir, children's choir, hand bell choir and Praise Team. The Scrapbooking Guild meets in Sandherr Hall on the third Friday of each month from 4 to 10 p.m.

The Salem Church mission is TLC – Transforming Lives through Christ – sharing Christ's love and serving others through Christ. We worship, glorify and praise God and nurture people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are searching and seeking, we welcome you to visit us and learn how your life can be transformed through Christ.

Faith Church

Faith Worship Center, 1168 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61), is excited to welcome in 2017 with new members, new ministries and many exciting events. With the colder weather and occasional appearing of sunshine, Faith presses on in expanding its footprint with over 40 ministries within the church.



Senior Pastor Doug Cresswell announced Faith's new men's ministry plan called MUSCLE – Making Us See Christ's Love Everywhere. Through this ministry concept, all men of every age, background and level of belief will find a place. The ministry breaks down a man's Christian life into five key areas and then offers a place of strength, support and growth in these various areas.

Another new ministry, soon to be unveiled, has trained leaders for a Suicide Ministry, working with family survivors of suicide and those perhaps considering suicide.

The Hope Initiative, a highly successful addiction-related program, continues to offer support to both the addicted, families of addicted persons, and have guided other churches in their creation of a Hope-type ministry.

Coming soon, Faith Worship Center plans to host Family Movie Night or afternoon for the greater community to enjoy a movie, popcorn and entertainment.

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Church are also available. The church youth group meets at the center at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Services include upbeat Christian music and an encouraging Bible-based message by Pastor Cresswell.

Faith Church is simply a group of regular people trying to do their best to help those in need in our community. We all live in an imperfect world and we are imperfect people. It is only by the grace and will of God that we can prosper and help others. If you are imperfect, you don't mind being with other imperfect people, and don't mind being led by an imperfect pastor, you are invited to join us at Faith Church. You will be warmly welcomed, loved and appreciated.

Kimmels Church

Residents and visitors from throughout the area are invited to spring and Easter services and activities at Kimmels Church. Regular Sunday worship begins at 10 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are at 9 a.m. For more information, call the church office at 570-943-2759 or website www.kimmelschurch.org.

The annual Sweetheart Dinner takes place Saturday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m., featuring a full course candlelight meal and entertainment by comedian Ron McGehee.

The Hunter's Banquet is Saturday, March 18 at the Landingville Fire Hall featuring good food and prizes. Purchase your tickets in advance; doors open at 5 p.m. Guest speaker is Nate Hosie, expert turkey



caller – earning him the nickname “The Turkey Slayer” – and is one of four stars featured on the Outdoor Channel’s “Head Hunters” television show. He’ll share his memories made in God’s country.

Mothers of pre-school children may be interested to join the MOPS group. It meets every second and fourth Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join other mothers for growing relationships, sharing laughs and completing crafts. Childcare is provided.

Easter always brings with it a time of excitement for the whole family. All are invited to a community-wide Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 9 at Kimmels. On Good Friday, April 14, church families recreate the carrying of a large cross symbolizing Christ’s selfless love. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. Easter Sunday services celebrate Christ’s resurrection with a sunrise service at 6:15 a.m. April 16 at our chapel on the hill. Morning worship will also be held at 10 a.m.



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